REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Final Office Action mailed December 5, 2006. At the time of the Final Office Action, Claims 1-21 were pending in this Application. Claims 1-21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e). Claims 1, 8, and 14 have been amended. Claims 2, 9 and 15 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Summary of Examiner Interview

Attorney for Applicants, Anthony P. Iannitelli, spoke to Examiner Benjamin A. Ailes by telephone on 27 February 2007. Examiner Ailes indicated that Amendments submitted in a Response to Office Action filed 05 February 2007 would not be entered because the amendments were not identical to claim language recited in previously submitted dependent claims and would, therefore, raise new issues requiring further consideration and/or search.

No New Search is Required

Claims 1, 8 and 14 have been amended to include identical limitations previously recited in dependent claims. For this reason, these amendments do not raise new issues requiring further consideration and/or search. Thus, Applicants' current amendments should be entered.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-21 stand rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0100036 by Sean Moshir et al. ("*Moshir*"). Applicant respectfully traverses and submits the cited art does not teach all of the elements of the invention as claimed.

"A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference." *Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California*, 814 F.2d 628, 631, 2 U.S.P.Q.2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987). Furthermore, "the identical invention must be shown in as complete detail as is

contained in the ... claim." *Richardson v. Suzuki Motor Co. Ltd.*, 868 F.2d 1226, 1236, 9 U.S.P.Q.2d 1913, 1920 (Fed. Cir. 1989). Applicants respectfully submit that *Moshir* cannot anticipate the rejected Claims, because *Moshir* does not show all the elements of the present Claims.

Claim 14 is allowable over *Moshir*.

Claim 14, as amended, recites an information handling system, wherein a network configuration includes, among other limitations, processing resources performing operations comprising:

> generating output data that identifies an invalid attribute among the discovered attributes and a corresponding valid attribute from the predefined set of valid device attributes.

Applicants respectfully submit that *Moshir* fails to disclose all these elements. The Examiner argues that these limitations are disclosed at Paragraph 99 of *Moshir*. In particular, the Examiner argues that *Moshir* teaches:

> output data that identifies an invalid attribute among the discovered attributes and a corresponding valid attribute from the predefined set of valid device attributes (par. 99 report indicating the computers needing the patch and the computers that can't receive the patch until... software is upgraded).

(Office Action, Page 3).

However, paragraph 99 of *Moshir* merely teaches:

> [0099] In some implementations the downloader **924** regularly checks the patch component database for new patch fingerprints. When a new patch fingerprint is located, it is downloaded into the repository component. The evaluator compares the dependencies needed for the specific patch implementation listed in the install info **912** with each of the target computer **500** specifications listed in the inventory library. Then an update list is created which may identify all of the target computers 500 that need the patch, all of the target computers that don't possess the patch, all of the target computers that can receive the patch, as they have the necessary dependencies, and/or all of the target computers 500 that have already received the patch. This update list may now be used to update the target computers, and/or may be sent to an administrator by a notifier 916. (emphasis added)

Thus, *Moshir* discloses an "update list" that identifies target computers that need a patch, don't possess the patch, can receive the patch, or have already received the patch. Even assuming that this "update list" could be equated with the "valid attributes" recited in amended Claim 14 (which Applicants do not concede), none of the cited portions of *Moshir* disclose, teach or suggest output data identifying **both** an **invalid and** a **corresponding valid** attribute." *Moshir*, therefore, cannot disclose "generating output data that identifies an invalid attribute among the discovered attributes and a corresponding valid attribute," as recited in Claim 14.

For at least these reasons, amended Claim 14 is allowable over *Moshir*. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of amended Claim 14, as well as Claims 16-21 that depend therefrom.

Claims 1 and 8 are allowable over *Moshir*

For reasons analogous to those discussed above regarding amended Claim 14, Applicants request reconsideration and allowance of amended independent Claims 1 and 8, as well as Claims 3-7 and 10-13 that depend therefrom.
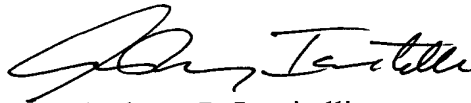
CONCLUSION

Applicants appreciates the Examiner's careful review of the application. Applicants have made an earnest effort to place this case in condition for examination and allowance. For the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections and full allowance of Claims 1, 3-8, 10-14 and 16-21.

Applicants believe there are no fees due at this time; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees necessary or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 31625 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

If there are any matters concerning this Application that may be cleared up in a telephone conversation, please contact Applicants' attorney at 512.322.2642.

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